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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>BOARD OF PODIATRY</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Cannon Building, Second Floor- <b>Conference Room B</b>
<b>MINUTES APPROVED:</b>	February 20, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. James Bray, Professional Member  
Dr. Luis Garcia, Professional Member  
Dr. Harold Gruber, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Meaghan Jerman, Administrative Specialist II  
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Amy Kratz, Public Member  
Philip Mandel, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

There was no public present

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Bray called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Dr. Bray introduced and welcomed Dr. Gruber to the Board.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 1, 2013 Board meeting. Dr. Garcia made a motion seconded by Dr. Gruber, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Dr. Bray summarized the status of the Preceptorship to Board members. Dr. Bray explained that due to the shortage of residency programs the Board has been discussing the future of the preceptorship as a

pathway to licensure in Delaware. Dr. Gruber explained that he has been reviewing previous Board meeting minutes and is familiar with the Board's discussion on the matter. Dr. Gruber shared that he feels the residency shortage is a national problem and that the preceptorship is outdated and potentially hurts the profession of podiatry in the state of Delaware. Dr. Bray explained that he feels the preceptorship does not protect the public. The Board discussed the possibility of modifying the preceptorship program with such actions as the implementation of a test following the one year preceptorship. Dr. Bray summarized the Board's options with regard to the preceptorship. The Board may choose to remove the preceptorship entirely as a pathway to licensure; they may modify the existing preceptorship to implement requirements such as an exam following completion of the program, or consider allowing a preceptorship as a secondary limited licensure that would not lead to state licensure. The Board discussed the options at length. Dr. Gruber made a motion to remove the preceptorship from the statute, seconded by Dr. Bray with Dr. Garcia opposing stating that he thinks there should be some modification to the law and regulations including the clinical observer being a board certified podiatrist and upon completion of the preceptorship the Board would implement some form of testing to ensure that individual has met minimum qualifications for practicing in the state of Delaware.

#### **COMPLAINT STATUS**

Complaint 15-02-13 was initially assigned to Dr. Garcia, but has been reassigned to Dr. Bray as Dr. Garcia had a conflict. Dr. Garcia will recuse himself if this complaint is brought before the Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **REVIEW CONSENT AGREEMENT – EDWIN MOW**

The Board reviewed and discussed the revised consent agreement for Dr. Edwin Mow. This new agreement was intended to address the Board's previous concerns concerning the lack of information in the previous consent agreement. Dr. Garcia made a motion to accept the consent agreement of Dr. Edwin Mow, seconded by Dr. Bray. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW – ANGEL COX**

Board members reviewed Dr. Cox's application by preceptorship. The Board was unclear on who the primary clinical observer would be. Ms. Singh explained once the Board approves the applicant for licensure it is her responsibility to then apply to a preceptor for Board approval. Dr. Gruber made a motion to approve Dr. Cox's application for a preceptorship pending the Board approval of the preceptor, seconded by Dr. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE LIST**

There were no applications to be ratified.

##### **CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS**

There were no continuing education applications for review.

##### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Ms. Jerman distributed the 2014 meeting calendar. Board members discussed potentially moving the meeting date and location.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

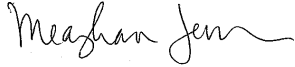
##### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled board meeting is February 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room "B" of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, 19904.

##### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gruber, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meaghan Jerman".

Meaghan Jerman  
Administrative Specialist II

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*